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SUBJECT: (Optional) Review of Manuscript on Warnings Intelligence Submitted by DIA on behalf of [redacted]					STAT	
FROM: [redacted] Director of Information Services, DA 1206 Ames Building		EXTENSION	NO. OIS 85-468	STAT		
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		RECEIVED	FORWARDED	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)		
1. ADDA 7D24 Headquarters Bldg.				<p>This is the third time that CIA has been asked to review for declassification [redacted] manuscript which could serve as a handbook of Warnings Intelligence. [redacted] was a DI/STAT officer who worked for many years at the National Indications Center, later the Strategic Warning Staff. She has been retired since about 1980. Her complete manuscript was first submitted to us in April 1984 and when we objected to open publication she appealed in August 1984 and submitted to us a slightly amended version of her manuscript. We found that version objectional as well. Now [redacted] has reduced her manuscript further, from 39 to 12 chapters, but we continue to find it objectional for reasons outlined in Tab A. This reply is to General Williams, Director of DIA, who most recently submitted the manuscript on behalf of [redacted] (See Tab B.)</p>		
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Lt. General James A. Williams
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Dear General Williams:

Upon receipt of your letter of 26 July 1985 requesting a third declassification review of [redacted] manuscript on warning intelligence, I turned the case over to the Office of Information Services (OIS), the CIA unit that performs the first review on referrals from other agencies. The manuscript was assigned to a reviewer other than the person who performed the previous two reviews with the intention of obtaining a fresh viewpoint and from a person with a different professional background.

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OIS made a trial run at sanitizing out specific illustrative material that reveals past vulnerabilities or capabilities of the US warning system or intelligence sources and methods. Subsequent discussions within OIS led to the conclusion that a basic security problem remained. Despite [redacted] having shortened her text from the previous 39 chapters to 12 and having removed all material on the training of warnings analysts, and despite our additional deletions, the manuscript remains a treatise on the range, quality and sophistication of thinking that prevails in the US warning system. [redacted] status as a recognized expert in this field reinforces the point.

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Still in the manuscript would be extended discussions of the limitations, practices, attitudes of mind, concerns, procedures, tendencies, blind spots and presumptions that are particular to the US system. These are interwoven throughout the manuscript in such a way as to be impossible to remove and have anything meaningful remain.

The full manuscript was next reviewed by my NIO for Warning. He fully agrees with the assessment of OIS.

I must therefore reluctantly sustain the decision to withhold the entire manuscript from unclassified publication. I know that [] will feel disappointed by this outcome, since she has expended so much effort in drafting and redrafting. I assure her, however, that the CIA personnel involved in this case have expended serious effort to have the manuscript reviewed expertly and objectively.

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Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosure:

Untitled Manuscript []
on Warnings Intelligence

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